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Black market taxi transfers

**'No political will to
change it.'** Licences
selling for millions
as city hall manages
long waiting list



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It's a one of the best-known
black market practices in
London.

If you want to obtain a
special licence plate to oper-
ate a vehicle as a taxi, there
are two ways to do it.

You can fill out an applica-
tion at the city clerk's office
and wait about 20 years to
rise to the top of the waiting
list.

Or, you write a big fat
cheque to someone who's
ready to retire and get one
much quicker.

It's a practice that's
known — and tolerated —
throughout city hall.

But, as one city councillor

put it: "There's no political
will to change it."

The transfer of city taxi
licences is unregulated.

When one driver has had
enough and wants to retire,
the bidding begins.

These days, the price is
about \$80,000.

A few years ago, they
were going for more than
\$130,000.

Cabbies consider the pay-
out their retirement pension.

Revenue Canada com-
pares transferring a taxi
licence to selling a private
business.

The tax on the reported
income is paid by the retir-
ing driver.

But skipping around the
official channels is costing
the city — and taxpayers — a
lot in lost revenue, some say.

The practice also allows
individuals or companies
to compile multiple licence
plates, which they then lease
out to drivers for exorbitant
monthly fees.

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CALM BEFORE THE STORM

Marina Rossi, left, and her sister Charline, both Western University students, celebrate the end of exams with a Thursday afternoon skate in Victoria Park under a sunny sky. Weekend weather will be less than ideal, Environment Canada says, with two winter weather systems headed London's way. Story, page 7. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

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Political fallout

City's job woes draw politicians in

"That's definitely not the case," Andrea Horwath said when asked if she's turning jobs misery into political capital.

The NDP leader was in London on Thursday for a roundtable meeting with workers and unemployed people, amid difficult times for London's job market.

Soon after the event at the central library, the Tories held their own media conference outside the Kellogg's plant farther east. Both groups criticized the province's Liberal government on its management of the economy.

Alongside Horwath was London West MPP Peggy Sattler, who faced criticism on Twitter last week for making political statements soon after the Kellogg's announcement.

"It's my job as an opposition leader to listen to what Ontarians have to say, to be there for them when they're in crisis," Horwath told Metro.

She repeatedly referred to the NDP idea of a job creation tax credit to reward employers who help to cut unemployment.

But aren't these noises similar to what politicians said when Electro-Motive Diesel shut down?

Yes, said Horwath, but it's the government's fault for refusing to listen.

"It's been quite frustrating," she said.

MIKE DONACHIE/METRO



Union president Bob Martin, who is among the Kellogg's workers facing an uncertain future. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Blue Christmas for Kellogg's workers

Job cuts. Union chief says workers coming to terms with layoffs



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It's a cold Christmas for London's Kellogg's workers, and it's not getting better any time soon, their union chief said Thursday.

Bob Martin, president of the union representing workers at the plant, said, with the factory on layoff for two weeks, most people

are having a tough time.

The 550 staff learned last week that business will close next year.

"I have to make sure my folks keep their heads in the game and understand that this is going to be a year-long funeral, for lack of a better term," said Martin, 50, who's worked at Kellogg's for almost 30 years. "The fact that we're laid off for two weeks going into Christmas at least lets some people come to terms with the plant closing before we come back in January."

Martin was one of 11 employees who participated in a Thursday roundtable

Goodbye Kellogg's

- The cereal company told staff on Dec. 10 that it will close its London plant in 2014.
- Kellogg's has said it's restructuring due to a decline in demand for its products.

about job creation. It was led by Ontario NDP leader Andrea Horwath.

As for the chances of finding new work, Martin is staying positive but says not everyone at Kellogg's feels

the same way.

"There's not a lot of job market out there," Martin said. "Coming from our plant to go to another plant is probably slim in terms of finding comparable wages and benefits. 'Not optimistic' is where the mood is now."

He added: "We have a long way to go before we can inform our workers of what their options are. We'll start that process in January."



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Kingston. City to remove construction crane due to fears of collapse

The mayor of Kingston says officials are moving to have a construction crane damaged by a massive Tuesday fire taken down as soon as possible.

Adam Jastrzebski, 68, of London was stranded atop the crane when the fire started at a building under construction. He suffered burns before a military helicopter was able to pluck him from his perch.

Mayor Mark Gerretsen says the property owner was to submit a plan to remove the crane to the Ministry of Labour by the end of the day Thursday.

Residents in an area around the fire site have been out of their homes since the blaze due to fears the crane could collapse.

Gerretsen says the weather could be a factor in how quickly the crane can be taken

Impact

Tuesday's fire destroyed a duplex, a hotel and set nearby vehicles on fire.

down, as freezing rain is forecast for the Kingston area Thursday night into Friday.

Firefighters from neighbouring communities had to be called in to help Kingston crews battle the flames.

Kingston fire chief Rheume Chaput noted that structural engineers were looking into the best way to take down the crane.

"As far as a firm timeline, I cannot, unfortunately, give that because it depends on the ministry of labour," he added. "It could be as few as two, maybe three, days; it could be longer."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

White paper. Tory leader unveils \$2-billion-a-year transit 'trust' plan

A Progressive Conservative government would fund new public transit with a \$2 billion-a-year "Ontario Transportation Trust" bankrolled in part by selling surplus lands and provincial buildings, says leader Tim Hudak.

With an election expected as early as next spring, Hudak said his administration would impose "no new taxes" to pay for much-needed improvements.

"We can do better. What's needed is a new partnership between cities and the provincial government, one with big ambitions, shared goals and specific, measurable plans to achieve real results," he wrote in the forward of a 27-page policy discussion paper, entitled: "Building Great Cities."

It's the latest in a series of more than a dozen so-called "white papers" the Tories have been releasing with an eye toward a 2014 election platform.

"We should raise additional funds for transportation infrastructure by encouraging Ontario and Canadian pension funds to invest in government-owned businesses," the transit white paper states.

"This partial ownership by pension funds would raise billions of dollars necessary



Tim Hudak TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

to improve and expand Ontario's subways, light rail transit, roads and bridges," it continues.

With the Ontario government occupying 7.7 million square feet of office space in 100 buildings in Toronto alone, the party believes excess facilities could be sold off and the money earmarked for a "transportation trust" to ensure the proceeds do not just get funneled into general revenues.

Hudak's announcement comes as Premier Kathleen Wynne's minority Liberals are looking at paying for new transit through an increased gasoline levy and a 0.5 per cent corporate income tax hike. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



The former St. Joseph's Hospice of London building at 837 Talbot St. has been sold to an undisclosed buyer. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

New hospice site opening doors

St. Joseph's. The larger facility will hold more beds, bigger space — a longtime dream for volunteers, staffers

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Londoners needing residential palliative care can now find comfort in the new home of St. Joseph's Hospice.

Earlier this month, operations moved into the Sis-

ters of St. Joseph building (485 Windermere Rd.) after a renovation.

An official opening is planned in January and the first residents will be welcomed in early February.

Until now, London was the only city of its size in Ontario that did not provide residential hospice services for individuals needing a place to live out their final days.

"It will add an additional level of care, for those people within the last three months of their lives, and typically their last 21 days," said John Cal-

Fundraising

\$3.5M

To pay for the larger grounds, \$3.5 million has been raised through private donations, out of a goal of \$5.5 million

laghan, CEO of St. Joseph's Hospice.

Volunteers and staff have been "dreaming about this for a long time, and it is just great to see it pull into reality," he said.

The two-acre property at the hospice's former location on Talbot Street was not

big enough to accommodate the 10-bed facility the organization wanted.

A \$5.5 million fundraising campaign to pay for the changes was launched two years ago and re-energized last year. To date, \$3.5 million has been raised through private donations.

The rooms at the new facility will be some of the largest in facilities across Ontario.

In addition to a bed, each will have side tables and chairs and a sitting area where family and friends can visit in a setting other than at the bedside.

Western U makes brainy breakthrough

Western University researchers have revealed important new work that could lead doctors to earlier diagnoses and better tracking of multiple sclerosis.

It's called quantitative susceptibility mapping. The short explanation of that long term is that it uses a scanner

to measure indicators in the brain.

The mapping technique shows the amount of myelin — a natural electrical insulator vital to the nervous system — and iron in the brain. Both help doctors understand if a patient has multiple sclerosis and how far it's progressed.

The research is led by Dr. Ravi Menon of the Robarts Research Institute.

"We've been doing these scans on MS patients for a while, but nobody knew if it was a valid approach or not," Menon said. "We now know how to interpret the data."

"It allows us to separate

changes in white matter degeneration, from other changes such as iron deposition, which in conventional imaging all looks the same."

The research has been published in this week's Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences journal.

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People can now walk and ride across Blackfriars Bridge, but vehicle traffic still isn't allowed. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

Blackfriars Bridge reopens to pedestrians, cyclists

Londoners can stop taking the long way around, because Blackfriars Bridge is back in action.

The city took down the barriers and waved walkers and cyclists through on Thursday after a \$260,000 project to reopen it.

It's the first time in months that anyone could cross. Although the 1875 bridge was closed to vehicles many months before, corrosion forced a complete closure in September.

A tunnel of temporary metal fencing has been built down the bridge's centre to ensure people stay away from

Back in business

"It's been a big inconvenience for people who don't have a car."

Coun. Judy Bryant, on the lengthy Blackfriars Bridge closure.

the edge.

"It's been a big inconvenience for people who don't have a car and rely on their feet," said Ward 13 Coun. Judy Bryant, noting she's "thrilled" with the reopening.

Work had been delayed by poor weather, she said, giving credit to the contractors who

worked hard to get the bridge reopened by Christmas.

The reopening will improve safety, too, Bryant said.

"People have been climbing over (barricades), and it's been dangerous," she added. "This will prevent that."

Next year, the bridge will undergo an environmental assessment as the city considers its options for the structure.

The bill for reopening Blackfriars Bridge to cars isn't known, but numbers exceeding \$2 million have been mentioned during council meetings.

MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Charity trekker aims to return for Christmas

Bruce Trail odyssey. London man battling frigid weather along nearly 1,800-km journey to raise money for Boys and Girls Club



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Graham Fowler's nearing the end of his huge charity walk, but now he has a deadline.

"I'm trying to get my mom home for Christmas," he said.

The apprentice bricklayer — whose mother is following his trek in a vehicle — is trying to become the first person to walk the Bruce

Trail and back again. The total distance is almost 1,800 kilometres and, through bad weather, progress on some days has been slow.

When he spoke to Metro on Thursday, Fowler, 32, said he was near Burlington and reckoned he had about 170 kilometres to go before he reaches the end at Queenston.

But with his snowshoes on he's covering about 30 kilometres per day, so meeting the holiday deadline will be a tight squeeze.

"It's been a tough go lately," said Fowler. "At this pace, I think I'm getting home right around Christmas Eve."

"There's some rain coming in so I'm hoping it clears the trails a little bit for me."

Fowler described the weather as "brutal."

He was near Collingwood when it got especially cold, inflicting six days of temperatures as low as -25C with the wind chill.

"The snow-shoeing takes a lot more out of you, so I'm feeling a little tired," Fowler said.

Christmas, assuming he makes it home, will be spent with family.

And no, he hasn't had time to do any Christmas shopping.

His cause

Graham Fowler is raising money for the Boys and Girls Club of London.

- He plans to establish a scholarship memorial fund for his grandmother, Sara Rie Larson, who volunteered with the club for 25 years.

- Fowler said the total now sits at more than \$12,000, beating the target of \$10,000.

Close to the finish

"Overall, I'm good. I'm looking forward to getting to the end."

Graham Fowler, 32, of London, who's walking the Bruce Trail and back.

Free coffee!

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There will be free coffee for the first 500 customers who visit the Tim Hortons at Veterans Memorial Parkway and Admiral Drive after 7 a.m., Friday.

The early Christmas gift comes from the folks at London's Airport Kia, who teamed up with the team at Timmies. **METRO**

Old East Village

Lace 'em up at a new outdoor rink

Old East Village has opened an outdoor skating rink, adding to those already dotting the city's landscape. The 50-by-100 foot rink is at Boyle Memorial Community Centre (530 Charlotte St.). **METRO**

Library coffee shop. Red Roaster will be up and running soon: Spokesman

People who can't read a book without a coffee in hand shouldn't have too long to wait.

The Red Roaster coffee shop at London's central library closed suddenly this week, but it will reopen soon.

Company spokesman Adam Green said Red Roaster is trying to contact the franchise holder. He could not explain why the library outlet was closed.

"I can assure you that the store is still active and will be open on Jan. 6," Green said.

Library spokesperson Ellen Hobin was also unable to explain the closure, but did say the library has had "a positive financial relationship" with the franchisee.

A brew with your book

"I can assure you that the store is still active and will be open on Jan. 6."

Company spokesman Adam Green, on the closure of Red Roaster coffee shop at London's central library.

Green said it's the second time this has happened. A franchised outlet at Covent Garden Market also closed temporarily in September and is now open again, run by the core company.

Asked if there were any problems at Red Roaster, Green said no.

"Business has been great the last few months," he said.

MIKE DONACHIE/METRO



Prepare to be iced. There could be plenty more icicles hanging around London if weekend weather packs the punch Environment Canada is forecasting. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

Weekend winter weather wallop wends our way

Forecast. Two storm systems bound for London could make for an icy, dicey few days

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As Mother Nature whips up another one-two punch of winter weather for the London area this weekend, officials at the airport are prepared to keep flying during their busiest time of year.

Two separate weather systems are headed toward the region, said Environment Canada's Marie-Eve Giguere. The first was expected to hit Thursday night and hang around all day Friday. The second is set to

arrive Saturday, continuing into Sunday. While a large snowfall isn't likely, freezing rain is definitely on the horizon.

Steve Faulkner, for one, is watching closely — and preparing to make sure holiday travellers get where they're going, ice or not. "We never close the airport," said Faulkner, manager of the airport's operations centre, noting that's even true when "freezing rain and snow is accumulating faster than we can clear it." His crews are ready as needed to treat runways with chemicals that prevent any problems that might come from freezing rain. "We are prepared for it, and it all depends on what Mother Nature gives us," he said.

As for traffic at the airport, you can expect it to be busy, said Gerry Vanderhoek, man-

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- **Saturday**
High: 1 C
Low: -1 C
- **Sunday**
High: 2 C
Low: -5 C

ager of commercial services and passenger experience. "This week it started to get really busy. Most of our flights are leaving full, and that will continue until just after Christmas," said Vanderhoek. "Then there is a slight lull and it will ramp right back up again until New Year's."

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Backroom trading, wads subduing city hall — yep,

Cabbies cashing in.
Millions exchanging hands in underground, untaxed marketplace



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It's a multimillion-dollar black market operation in London, and city leaders know all about it.

However, little is being done because, as Coun. Stephen Orser puts it, you don't mess around with the taxi industry.

"It's a parasitical business practice that's not right," said Orser, a former cabbie himself. "But there's no political

cost about \$750 each and are renewed each year for a fee. But on the black market, they're worth a large pile of cold, hard cash.

Not long ago, some were selling for as much as \$140,000. Since that happens privately, without regulation from city hall, taxpayers don't see a dime of that windfall.

"Do the math and you'll see millions being lost," Orser said.

These days, the price of a licence hovers at about \$80,000 because, as one cabbie said, there's no longer an extreme demand because of sky-high insurance rates, fuel costs and a labyrinth of municipal bylaws.

While the city owns the licences, they are legally transferable from one driver to an-

Political power

"You can put in 40 calls or emails to a councillor and maybe sway their vote. (The taxi industry in London) can get hundreds in. They can jam the (council) gallery, so that's the problem."

Coun. Stephen Orser, on why stopping black market taxi licence sales won't work.

will to change it."

He's talking about the private buying and selling of taxi licences.

There are only 348 taxis on London streets because the city issues one taxi licence plate for every 1,100 residents.

That has produced a waiting list that some say is more than two decades long.

At city hall, the licences

other. All you need to get one are the credentials to drive a cab, someone who wants to sell and a suitcase full of money.

It's been happening for decades, said Orest Katolyk, the city's chief of bylaw enforcement. A recent bylaw passed by city council addresses a tiny piece of the issue.

"In our report on our new



Taxi licences in London are selling on the black market for thousands of dollars, cab drivers and others say. The practice isn't unique to the city; private sales of licences

city taxi bylaw, we identified that as an issue because that money is not going back into the industry," Katolyk said. "It's more of a retirement

fund for the owners."

The new bylaw bans transfers on new licences issued from now on. But, the city's population has to grow by

1,100 people before a new licence can be handed out — meaning the new policy will only apply to a tiny portion of those available.

The other 348 will be grandfathered under the old rules, meaning black market sales can continue, Katolyk said. Doing things differently

Former cabbie

Taxi industry a frightening foe: Councillor

Coun. Stephen Orser knows a thing or two about the way things work in the taxi world.

He went from cabbie to councillor — the only one to make that leap in London, as far as he knows. He respects cab drivers but acknowledges the industry is a formid-

able foe for anyone willing to take it on.

"The cab industry is smart," he said. "They're politically active, more so than a lot of developers, and you never hear about them."

"They donate, they lobby and, to be honest, they're good guys and they're protecting their interests."

And when they hear something they don't like from the city, he said, you can count on them packing the public gallery during a

council meeting to make sure that's understood.

Orser was recently awarded a plaque from the London Taxi Association for spearheading various bylaw changes that make the life of a driver a little easier.

"The cab drivers have a rough enough time with insurance, and so I don't mind bylaw changes to help them," he said. "The people I interact with now are very decent, from owners to drivers." SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO



Former-cabbie-turned-councillor Stephen Orser. METRO FILE

London cab fare

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- 25 cents for each additional 130 metres
- 25 cents for each additional 26 seconds of time while the cab is travelling at a speed of 17 km/h or less
- A 10 per cent discount is given to senior citizens

of cash, taxis



occur in other Canadian cities and around the world. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

Memoirs of a driver

Taxi life more trouble than it's worth?

A cabbie who asked to remain anonymous confirmed the black market sale of licences but said the price has dropped in recent years because demand is lagging.

"It used to be \$120,000,

but today you can get one for \$70,000 because nobody wants to drive a cab anymore," he said.

He listed insurance fees in the range of \$8,000 to \$10,000 a year for drivers with spotless records, the price of gas and a laundry list of city bylaws for the decline.

"It's crazy for insurance now," he said. "I pay \$8,000 a year, but if someone

bumps me — even if it's not my fault and the damage is \$100 — it goes up to \$10,000. Who wants to pay that?"

"You have one accident or ticket and the insurance companies will charge you more than your car is worth, and you have to have insurance or you can't drive a taxi."

He also pointed to organizations like Keys Thanks

as siphoning funds that cabbies used to get after the bars closed.

"They're good to have so people don't drive," he said, "but that used to be our revenue."

"It's very hard now to make money driving a taxi. It's like owning a business. You have to pay all these expenses before you can begin to make any money."

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would cause a revolution from the industry, he noted.

And what would happen if the cap on licences was lifted?

"There would be a second

revolution," Katolyk said.

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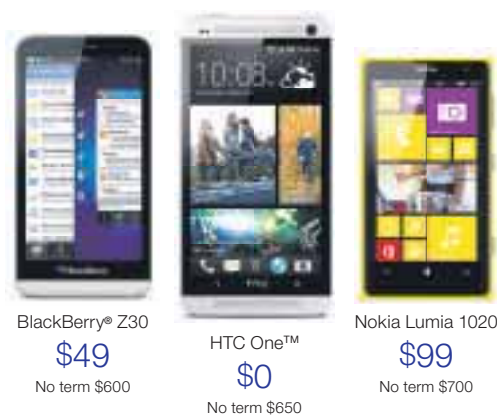
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Canada's largest charities

Funds raised by donations, special events (in millions)

- 1 Canadian Red Cross: \$287.0
- 2 World Vision: \$282.2
- 3 Canadian Cancer Society: \$188.4
- 4 Salvation Army: \$180.9
- 5 Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada: \$124.0
- 6 United Way Toronto: \$116.9
- 7 SickKids Foundation: \$110.1
- 8 Plan International: \$107.1
- 9 Aga Khan Foundation Canada: \$98.0
- 10 Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation: \$80.3

(Source: Charity Intelligence Canada)

Giving less than Americans

0.64%

The Fraser Institute's 2013 Generosity Index found Canadians donated 0.64 per cent of their aggregate incomes to charity in 2011, half the 1.33 per cent given by United States tax filers.

Social beings

- Social media is a novel platform for charities to spread the word and get noticed in a crowded market; the Movember fundraiser is a case in point. But a UBC-led study, The Nature of Slacktivism, found a Facebook "like" for a certain cause often translated to no donation at all. Giving via text message is also highly convenient, especially for disaster relief appeals. CharityIntelligence.ca and CharityFocus.ca offer quick, easy ways to research charities' financial reports, before using portals like CanadaHelps.org and Chimp.net to contribute.

Women slightly more generous

4%

Women were four per cent more likely to donate money to charities than men. The 15-to-34 age group was less likely to give than baby boomers.



Quoted

"There is far more financial pressure on young people these days than there was historically and in terms of time being squeezed for volunteering."

Prof. Peter Elson, director of the Institute for Nonprofit Studies at Calgary's Mount Royal University

Who

- Canadians who attend a place of worship weekly are more inclined to donate and make larger donations. That's why religious organizations benefitted from \$4.26 billion in 2010 donations. The health sector (\$1.59 billion) and social services (\$1.16 billion) were next in popularity.
- Prof. Charles Weinberg, of the University of British Columbia's Sauder School of Business, said planned giving takes a backseat to impulse giving at this time of year. "It's the holiday season, you're in a good mood and what about, sadly, people that don't have enough food or kids that don't have toys?"

Total tax filers

24.8M

The number of tax filers in Canada, according to Statistics Canada: 24,841,630.

Dec. 31

- New Year's Eve is the deadline to donate for the 2013 tax year, but tax breaks were cited as the motivator by only 23 per cent in a 2012 Statistics Canada report on giving.
- Compassion for those in need (90 per cent), belief in a cause (86 per cent) and contributing to the community (80 per cent) were the top three reasons.

2019

- Canadian charities will be forced to adapt for future holiday seasons. By 2019, Canada Post will stop delivering mail door-to-door in urban areas.

It's one man's gig to give year-round

Spreading the joy.

Thousands of toys — up to 75,000 — will be donated to children this holiday season

BOB MACKIN
For Metro in Vancouver

Tonka trucks, hockey sticks, Barbie dolls, soccer balls and remote controlled mini-drones are stacked on shelves of a modest, three-storey Vancouver warehouse — the secret Santa central, if you will.

The Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau, founded in 1930, helps 1,000 families directly and more than 40,000 children and youth around the region get toys, books and clothes for Christmas.

"It means a lot to me," said Angela Woods as she left the bureau's headquarters with Christmas surprises for her son. "If they didn't have this every year, I wouldn't know what to do. They're awesome up there, they are amazing."

It's the season for giving, and a recent Ipsos Reid poll found that 87 per cent of poll respondents said they enjoy feeling good about giving to charity. Only 13 per cent got the "bah, humbugs" over the thought of giving to a charity during the holidays. That means charities like the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau go from silent to crazy in a very short period.

"The bureau quietly chugs along, collecting toys, disbursing them to other bureaus and shelters, then we open for this three weeks," said executive director Chris Bayliss. "It goes from a quiet, boring, ugly warehouse on the East-side to often full of volunteers and people, full of fun for a



Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau executive director Chris Bayliss in the East Vancouver warehouse, among Okanagan apple bins used for sorting donations. BOB MACKIN/FOR METRO IN VANCOUVER

month."

The Christmas Bureau collects toys at big events throughout fall, from the Greater Vancouver Motorcycle Toy Run to the Vancouver Giants' Teddy Bear Toss to the Pan Pacific Christmas Wish Breakfast, which attracted 15 tonnes of donations on Dec. 11.

"The regional role is changing, as Metro Vancouver grows further afield we get more and more working poor," Bayliss says. "I was brought up my whole life to believe this, we're all two paycheques away from being broke."

In 2001, the Christmas Bureau gave 17,000 donated toys to needy homes. This year, Bayliss estimates some 50,000 to 75,000 toys and books, plus about 5,000 clothes and coats, will put smiles on children's

A good way to give

Transparency can aid charities

"Whether you're at the checkout counter, the Salvation Army kettles or when you get the mail, it's almost overwhelming how many 'asks' you get," said Charity Intelligence Canada managing director Kate Bahen.

Bahen's Toronto organization gauges transparency of non-profits and

publishes reports on the finances of 500 charities on its website. Bahen said Canadians deserve proof that their donations are spent wisely and make a difference.

"To whom much is given, much is expected," she said.

Charities must "more effectively report what did you do with the money, how did you spend it, who did you work with, what was the social impact?" Bahen said. "How did you help Canada?"

faces.

Bayliss and a part-timer are employed year-round. A dozen workers join for three

to 10 weeks in the run-up to Christmas. He estimated volunteers worked 800 person hours on-site last December.

How

- Telemarketing is unpopular and door-to-door appeals have declined substantially. Weinberg says volunteer door-knockers are harder to find and residents may not be at home. If they are, they may not answer for fear of a scam. Supermarket checkout appeals and e-giving are among the alternatives.

Quoted

"Non-profit organizations have to be inventive, have to recognize that the way people part with their money is changing."

Prof. Charles Weinberg, of the University of British Columbia's Sauder School of Business

Jury rules self-inflicted cell death a homicide

The videotaped choking death of a teenager in her segregation cell six years ago was a homicide, a jury decided on Thursday, sparking calls for police to reopen their criminal investigation into the tragedy.

The Ashley Smith inquest decision drew a gasp from a packed coroner's courtroom, which also heard jurors make 104 recommendations on dealing with self-harming, mentally ill women in federal prisons.

While the homicide decision is not a finding of legal liability, Smith's family lawyer immediately called for police to get involved, and lashed out at Correctional Service Canada.

"It is high time that those in charge are held accountable," Julian Falconer said.

"CSC, in my decades of work in this area, has proven they are an uncontrollable, unaccountable body. It is shameful."

Falconer called for the resignation of CSC Commissioner Don Head, who had warned jurors against making recommendations that would be expensive to implement.

The emotionally disturbed Smith, 19, of Moncton, N.B., strangled herself in her cell at the Grand Valley Institution in Kitchener, Ont., on Oct. 19, 2007.

Guards, under orders from

senior management against intervening as long as she was still breathing, waited too long to enter the cell and save her.

The verdict by the five female jurors made it clear they accepted the evidence of front-line guards about the no-entry orders. Several guards and a supervisor were initially charged with criminal negligence in Smith's death — but they were dropped.

"Those who made the order not to go into her cell — the deputy warden, the warden, those above — have yet to be truly investigated or yet to truly answer for their actions," Falconer said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Recommendations

The inquest heard evidence from 83 witnesses over 107 days starting in January about how poorly equipped the prison system was to deal with the mentally ill young woman.

- Among their sweeping recommendations, jurors urged that female inmates with serious mental-health issues or self-harming behaviours should serve time in a specialized treatment facility.
- The focus in dealing with such women, jurors said, should be on therapy, with treatment decisions made by clinicians rather than by security management.



Ashley Smith's family lawyers Julian Falconer, left, and Julian Roy address the media outside of the coroner's court following the Ashley Smith inquest verdict in Toronto on Thursday. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"What happened to Ashley should never have happened. The concoctions of her as being violent were false; they were concocted in a way to justify a punitive treatment of her."

Kim Pate, the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies



A woman stands bandaged and wearing a blanket given by emergency services following an incident at the Apollo Theatre in London's Shaftesbury Avenue on Thursday during a performance at the height of the Christmas season. Police said there were "a number" of casualties. JOEL RYAN, INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dozens injured in theatre collapse

London. An evening performance turned into a disaster as part of the ceiling came crashing down onto audience members

The ceiling of a London theatre partially collapsed Thursday night, showering a packed audience with heaps of plaster, wood and dust. More than 75 people were injured — at least seven seriously — and several trapped theatregoers had to be rescued, authorities said.

The collapse at the Apollo Theatre took place at 8:15 p.m. during a performance of

The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night-Time at the height of the Christmas holiday season. The ceiling came down, bringing parts of the theatre's balconies with it, police said.

Over 700 people were in the theatre at the time, according to the London Fire Department.

Emergency workers would not speculate on why part of the ceiling collapsed.

"Complete chaos" erupted as the debris rained down, said Martin Bostock, who came with his family to see the show.

"At first, we thought it was part of the show," he told Sky News. "Then I got hit on the head."

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Treating the injured

- Theatregoers were treated by dozens of emergency workers in the street outside the Apollo and at a nearby theatre.
- London Ambulance Service said it had treated 76 patients, with 51 taken to hospitals. Seven people suffered "serious injuries" but there were no fatalities and none of the injuries are believed to be life-threatening.
- The fire department reported that all those trapped in the Apollo have been rescued.

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Faux no to faux yes: Vegan leather, fake fur so hot right now

Faux is the new black. Pleasantly surprise the fashion plate on your gift list with something fake

Finding a knockoff version of the fur you want under the Christmas tree would ordinarily be a disappointment.

Not this year.

Faux is the new black this season for holiday gifts. But this isn't the "pleather" of the 1980s — that cheap, plastic-looking material made popular by Michael Jackson during his Thriller days.

A \$198 fuzzy brown coat at Banana Republic has a prominently placed tag that reads "faux fur."

Dresses with "vegan leather" accents are flying off virtual shelves at shopbop.com.

And at luxury retailer Barney's, a Marni faux leather three-quarter sleeve jacket sells for \$1,900.

Faux is gaining popularity in part because there have been advances in technology enabling designers to make better-looking fakes. In a still-shaky economy that has made Americans more frugal, faux also can be seen as a good way to be trendy without breaking the bank. And a movement toward socially

shopping makes some people feel better about faux purchases.

It helps that some A-listers have given faux their seal of approval. Models have been seen on the runway wearing faux leather pieces in shows for big-name designers like Tom Ford and Rag & Bone. And actresses Anne Hathaway and Kate Hudson have strutted on the red carpet in faux leather and fur.



Banana Republic's Fair Isle faux-fur neck warmer.
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\$6B proposal. Panel gives OK to Northern Gateway pipeline, with conditions

A review panel is recommending that the proposed Northern Gateway pipeline that would connect the Alberta oilsands to tankers on the B.C. coast go ahead.

But the panel has attached 209 conditions to the project.

The final decision rests with the federal government, which has roughly six months to respond to the report.

The controversial \$6-billion proposal has pitted Calgary-based Enbridge against environmental groups and several First Nations.

They have raised concerns about the possibility of an oilspill on land or off the coast of British Columbia.

Supporters say the line is critical if Alberta is to get its oil to emerging markets in Asia. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Danny Nunes holds a sign in support of the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project outside hearings for the project in Kitimaat Village, B.C., last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Take a bow, Canada

American happy we no longer get home mail delivery

The announced demise of home mail delivery in Canada has prompted a celebratory reaction from one U.S. lawmaker, who longs to see his own country adopt a similar reform to end residential postal service.

A Republican congressman "applauded" the move. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Democracy. Microfilms give Chinese an outlet

People in China watch them in the subway, on buses, even as they walk down a sidewalk: Homegrown short films that are low-budget, intensely popular and accessible to anyone with a smartphone.

Microfilms, uploaded to Chinese video-streaming sites, offer themes and subjects not shown in the country's strictly censored cinemas. And thanks to video-capturing smartphones and basic editing software available on laptops, anyone can be a director.

"The barrier for making a film has been brought so low it really has become a democratic means for expression," Chinese film critic Raymond Zhou said.

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The set of a microfilm near Beijing in October. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



People from normal childhoods with normal lives don't end up homeless. Dave disagrees.

[Dave, in shelters for 12 years]



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ORDER SNACKS VIA TWEET?

1 Twitter vending machines. Telus created a Twitter-enabled vending machine at the Pacific Centre Shopping Mall in Vancouver that rewards tweeting consumers with toy pandas as part of a partnership with the World Wildlife Fund. They're on to something, I hope. In the future, I'll be able to tweet a vending machine using a hashtag such as #bbqdoritos, and out that bag will come.

2 Instagram messaging. The social media photo site has introduced Instagram Direct, allowing you to message your buds photos and videos. Hmmm, isn't Snapchat for private messaging someone a photo or video? (Well, true, those disappear.) My wish is to someday be tweeting a Instagram photo via direct message on Snapchat using Facebook. That will simplify everything.

3 Beyoncé's social media blitz. Foregoing traditional media channels, Beyoncé released her latest album with a simple "Surprise!" to her more than eight million Instagram followers — and the full album appeared for sale on iTunes. It hit a record for albums sold on the site. Goes to show (again) that sometimes the best marketing is no marketing. Of course, it helps if you're a pop culture icon.



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4 Arlene Dickinson. One of my fave stars of Dragons' Den has a new book out, *All In*, about balancing your personal and professional life when you're an entrepreneur. I fancy myself an entrepreneur, so I'll be reading it this Christmas morning when I receive it as a stocking stuffer from my wife. If she reads this.

5 Stuff on Scout's Head. Photos of pets on the Internet — particularly cats and dogs — do really, really well. The most famous is Grumpy Cat, discovered on news site Reddit. An up-and-coming contender perhaps is the Canadian version: Stuff on Scout's Head, which features a pit bull with stuff that his owner puts on his head — everything from a toque to a pie to a skateboard. I cannot explain the Internet.

6 Peterborough Turkey. A picture of a turkey standing in a transit shelter next to a Canada Post box in Peterborough, Ont., went viral this week. The turkey had been stopping traffic recently on a major road. At least it's learning to take the bus now. So why else did this turkey pic catch on? "Turkeys — they are like kittens with beaks," one person tweeted.

7 Survivor Brand. Tyson Apostol won the 27th edition of the TV show *Survivor* in a rather lacklustre season that ended with

the lowest rating for a *Survivor* finale ever. With the iconic reality show slumping in ratings in recent years, it may be time to reinvent the brand. Add more villains. Or have only villains. The world loves watching villains on TV. Or just let all competitors use social media.

8 Carl McCoid. This guy from Yorkshire, England, keeps getting tattoos of Miley Cyrus. He now has 22 different ones of her. This guy is a human wrecking ball with Miley Cyrus all over him.

9 Sorry, we're great. A CNN post titled 10 Things Canada Does Better Than Anywhere Else got a lot of attention this week with its list that included apologizing, lake and cottage country, stand-in movie locations, humour and more. Sorry, but the only thing they missed is beer. We make (and drink) better beer than anyone, eh?

10 Scarlett Johansson and cheese. Under the headline: Scarlett Johansson Has Weird Feelings About Cheese, on NY Magazine, the actress was quoted as saying: "I don't eat it, but I love it... I like to smell cheese, I like to watch people enjoying it and I like to encourage people to eat cheeses I know taste really good. But I don't eat it any more because my body just does better without it." Life doesn't get weirder or cheesier than that.



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Photo shoot goes swimmingly



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Museum has a few bones to pick

For most people, fish bones may be just an annoyance at dinnertime.

But a new exhibition at the Canadian Museum of Nature, in Ottawa, could give viewers a broader perspective.

X-rays of Arctic Fishes, opening Jan. 11, features images that show "the spectacular osteological architecture of fishes," such as this X-ray of a boa dragonfish (pictured), says museum ichthyologist (fish scientist) Noel Alfonso.

Fish are considered to have the most complex bone

structures of all vertebrates. That makes osteology — the study of bones — more challenging with fish than with other animals possessing a spinal column.

As revealed in X-rays, the number of vertebrae can be used to differentiate one fish species from another, Alfonso said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Skin, bone and dinner

- An X-ray of a 14-centimetre-long boa dragonfish (not pictured), reveals a fish in its stomach. That makes this specimen a rare find, since "these things can often go for months without feeding," said Alfonso.

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If the dark mornings, cold evenings and slushy all-the-times have you taking your fitness routine inside, don't sweat it. Or rather do (but without the monotony of the exercise machine). From the makers of *Guitar Hero*, *Goji Play* is the latest 'gamerising' gimmick helping gamers get to the gym. Using two wireless controllers and a clip-on sensor, gym-goers can turn their treadmill into a gaming console while blasting away Christmas calories. As you ramp up the speed on the stepper, watch as your character gains power and speed — while keeping track of your sweaty stats (kilometres, calories, etc.). Here's a couple of games to get you started.



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Fisticuffs:

Get in the ring with fighters including a drunken sailor, angry Viking and top-hat wearing bar keeper.

picking up moonshine, snake oil and crowbars as ammo to keep you in the game.

Shine Runner:

Cruise around the bayou in a fan boat

Super Moto X:

Race through a city of the future while jumping over obstacles, avoiding slow zones and steering clear of the 5-0.

Comments

RE: 'Outdated' Nova Scotia Law Requires All Men To Shovel Highway Snow, published online Dec. 18

Psssh. Subsection A: All physically fit

female persons between the ages of 16 and 60 are required to make hot chocolate with marshmallows on the highways during winter for the male persons who work with their shovels on the highways during winter. **Aeric posted to metronews.ca**

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Synopsis

Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues opened this week bringing confident but thick news anchor Ron Burgundy (Will Ferrell) back to the big screen after a nine year absence. The first film made catchphrases like, "I love scotch. Scotch, scotch, scotch," and the names Brick Tamland (Steve Carell), Brian Fantana (Paul Rudd) and Champion "Champ" Kind (David Koechner) household words. In celebration of the return of the team from San Diego's KVVN Channel 4 the Reel Guys have a look back at the career of funny-man Will Ferrell.



Will Ferrell reprises his role as blustering anchorman Ron Burgundy in *Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues*. CONTRIBUTED

Where there's a Will, there's a way to laugh

Reel Guys

RICHARD
CROUSE AND
MARK BRESLIN



Funnyman Ferrell. In honour of the return of Ron Burgundy, the Reel Guys review their favourite Ferrell flicks

Richard: Mark, I think Will Ferrell is one of the bravest comedic actors working today; someone willing to do anything for a laugh. Trouble is, I often don't laugh. *Anchorman* is laugh-out-loud funny. Ditto *Elf* and *Old School*, but sometimes I feel he has to rein the manic energy in, do half as much and maybe be twice as funny. Having said that, the *Shark Week* jokes in *Step Brothers* really make me giggle.

Mark: Richard, I share your am-

bivalence toward Ferrell. He's not my go-to guy for funny. Still, he's done some great work. My favourite Will Ferrell movies are two indie films he's starred in: *Stranger Than Fiction* and *Everything Must Go*. They're the equivalent of Jim Carrey's work in *The Truman Show* and *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*. Maybe not huge crowd pleasers, but they show the true breadth of his talent.

RC: I agree. I think *Stranger Than Fiction* is worth a rental. It's touching and funny, which for me is Ferrell's sweet spot. *A Night at the Roxbury* is a silly comedy but Ferrell's wide-eyed performance is the kind of thing I like from him. Outrageous, yes, but underneath the silly is a real guy. Sometimes I can't see the real guy under-

neath his characters and those are his movies that don't work for me. Except *Zoolander*. As fashion guru Mugatu he's so strange he dares you not to laugh at him.

MB: Yes, he's sometimes better in a supporting role in which his over-the-top zaniness doesn't sink the whole picture. Mugatu for sure, but also the mattress salesman in *The Internship* or Franz in *The Producers*. But generally, I find his man-child jock character wearying. Which is why, I think, *Anchorman* is such a successful movie. It's a Will Ferrell movie for people who don't care for Will Ferrell movies. Did you enjoy the sequel, Richard?

RC: I did. I think there is a lot of life left in Ron Burgundy. It's

funny in an outrageous way. It's a bit too long, (and don't bother sitting through to the post credit scene unless you find the sight of Steve Carell eating cookies hilarious) but the buffoonery level is high in a season where serious drama seems to be the ticket.

In the last couple of weeks I have seen Ferrell, in character, sit in on some local newscasts and he fit right in. As long as there is media, egomaniac announcers and local news, there will be a place for Ron Burgundy.

MB: Yes, but let's not forget he's supported by a stellar cast of comic actors: Paul Rudd, Jim Carrey, Steve Carell, Vince Vaughn, Kristen Wiig. Even if Ferrell isn't your cup of tea, it's hard to believe this movie won't work.

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Walking with Dinosaurs 3D

Directors. Barry Cook, Neil Nightingale

Stars. Charlie Rowe, Karl Urban

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This is a really odd movie. It looks like a high-end educational documentary you'd see on the History Channel, but anyone with more than a Grade 2 reading level will find the story slow and clichéd. The computer animated story of a herd of migrating dinosaurs and the dangers they face is beautiful looking but dragged down by terrible voice work. Imagine Jurassic Park without Jeff Goldblum or the fun and you get the idea.

RICHARD CROUSE

Biography Comedy



Saving Mr. Banks

Director. John Lee Hancock

Stars. Tom Hanks, Emma Thompson

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The story of Walt Disney's (Tom Hanks) efforts to convince author P.L. Travers (Emma Thompson) to sell the rights to Mary Poppins is actually two stories folded into one. The first is a Hollywood tale, the second a psychological drama told in flashbacks about Travers's troubled father (Colin Farrell). Fine performances abound but this is Thompson's movie. Her portrayal of Travers is nuanced, split between the cantankerous woman she became with echoes of the innocent young girl she once was. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Crime/Drama



American Hustle

Director. David O. Russell

Stars. Christian Bale, Amy Adams, Bradley Cooper

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American Hustle sees con artists Irving Rosenfeld (Christian Bale) and Sydney Prosser (Amy Adams) threatened with arrest unless they cooperate with ambitious FBI agent Richie DiMaso (Bradley Cooper). They help him run a complicated corruption investigation involving New Jersey mayor Carmen Polito (Jeremy Renner) but the sting gets out of control when the Mafia gets involved. Of the great ensemble cast Jennifer Lawrence really stands out in an entertainingly audacious movie.

RICHARD CROUSE

Leo's just a sheep in big bad wolf clothes

Wolf of Wall Street.

As a boy DiCaprio dreamed of working with Scorsese, and now they're co-conspirators

MATT PRIGGE

Metro World News in New York

Leonardo DiCaprio always wanted to be a Martin Scorsese actor. "I remember my father taking me to see one of his movies," the actor recalls. "He said, 'If you have the opportunity and a green light in this industry, there's one person you should work with.'"

It was the director of Mean Streets, Goodfellas, Raging Bull, After Hours. And when DiCaprio became the biggest actor in the world, it wasn't too long before he was headlining Scorsese's Gangs of New York.

Their fifth film together — including The Departed and Shutter Island — was DiCaprio's idea. He read The Wolf of Wall Street, a tell-all memoir by unfathomably hedonistic broker Jordan Belfort, and felt it would fit Scorsese's sensibilities, in addition to being sobering commentary.

"I thought [his book] was a reflection of everything that was wrong with today's society," he says, chuckling.



Leonardo DiCaprio plays hedonistic broker Jordan Belfort in Wolf of Wall Street, opening Dec. 25. CONTRIBUTED

"Jordan gave into every carnal indulgence possible."

The film, written by Boardwalk Empire scribe Terence Winter, chronicles the many hedonistic exploits of Belfort, who rises from a nobody selling penny stocks by the thousands to schnooks to dominating the Financial District.

"He represents something within our very nature, something that is very wrong. You can point to those attributes to everything's going on in our world today," DiCaprio says. But he adds,

"He's not the problem. I quickly realized these weren't the fat cats that were destroying our economy. They were the street urchins. They were part of the underworld trying to create a little island and emulating Gordon Gekko," he explains, referencing Michael Douglas' slick-haired Wall Street villain (and, to some, an idol).

"They were trying to be the guys that were robbing our country of billions and billions of dollars."

DiCaprio spent time with Belfort, who he describes as reformed.

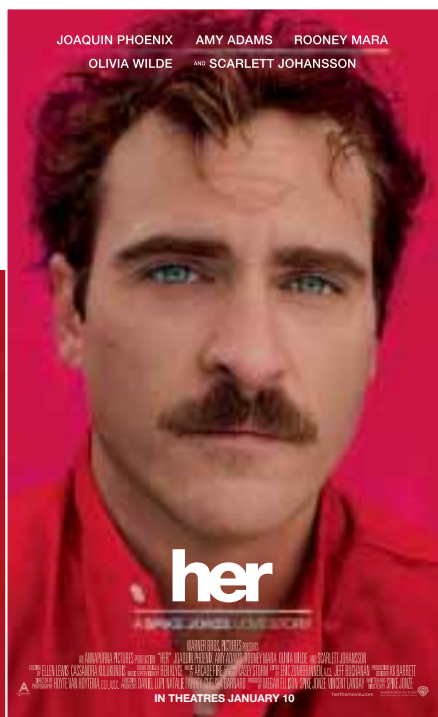
"He looks at this [period] as an isolated period in his life. He's been paying the price ever since, trying to pay his debt to everyone he ripped off."

Belfort even told him how to play high on 'ludes, for a lengthy sequence where he and the fellow broker played by Jonah Hill take too many drugs and find their bodies won't work.

"He told me what quaaludes were like," he recalls. "I had him rolling around on the floor for me."

He also says he watched, on a loop, a YouTube clip called The World's Drunkest Man, in which someone tries to get a beer but his body won't let him.

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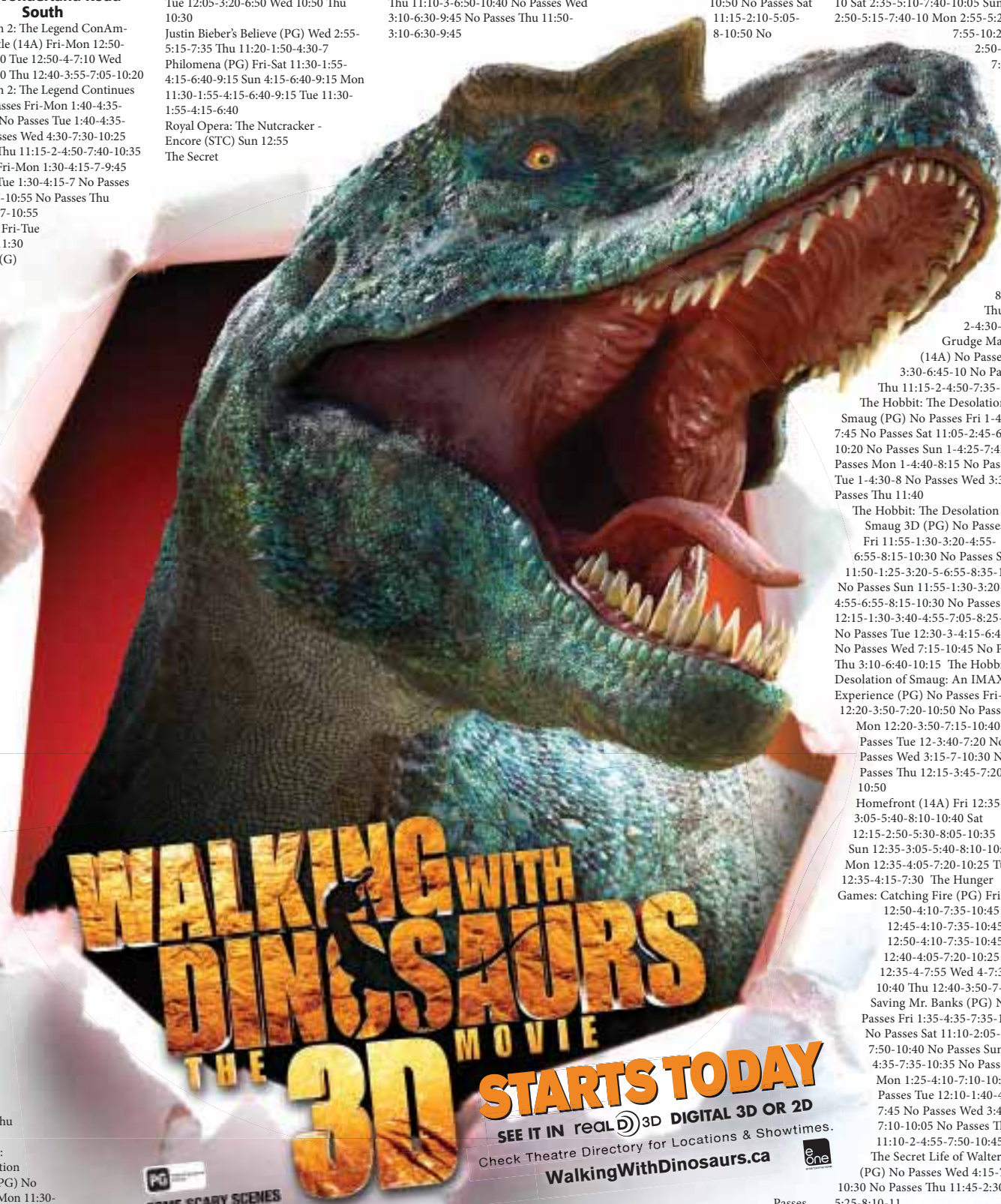
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Turning Negativity into musical positivity

Deer Tick's new album.

Front man channeled the frustration of his drug habit and the built-up anger over his father's jail sentence into something good

Singer John McCauley of the rock band Deer Tick figured out how to turn his pain into something positive.

McCauley used the Rhode Island-based band's latest album, *Negativity*, to unleash some of the frustrations and struggles he has had over the past couple of years into a polished and refined sound that

mixes country, folk and rock.

His father was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to federal charges of conspiracy and tax fraud and McCauley was struggling with substance abuse.

The album includes several references to McCauley's experiences, as painful as they were. "People take comfort in

knowing either A, somebody is going through something similar to what they went through or B, somebody's got it worse off than they do," McCauley said during a recent interview. "I am guilty of both of those things when I listen to music."

Now he says he's cleaned up and feeling excited about



John McCauley performing with his band, Deer Tick, at the Newport Folk Festival. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the future. McCauley and singer Vanessa Carlton are planning a wedding at the end of December, just before the band is scheduled to start a European tour.

The couple recorded a duet on the album, called *In Our Time*, which McCauley wrote about his own parents.

"We met through Patrick Hallahan, from *My Morning Jacket*. He introduced us after I went on Vanessa's Twitter and said, 'Hey, VC let's get a beer,'" McCauley said. "I had just figured out how to use Twitter so I was really proud of myself."

The band recorded the

album with producer Steve Berlin, from Los Lobos, who pushed the band to focus on instrumentation and added new layers to their songs without losing the rawness that the group is known for, McCauley said.

"This is the first record that we've put out where we actually rehearsed every single song on the record, so we're actually kind of proud of this one," McCauley said. "We go out on stage every night, just a little bit more aware of our surroundings and what our equipment does than we have in the past."

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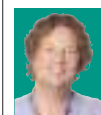
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A Ramones-like decorating complaint from this Calgary group who claim that the video was directed by Tommy Douglas.

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Brad Pitt playing down his milestone birthday

While Brad Pitt has previously seemed at peace with turning 50 this week, his birthday plans — or lack thereof — suggest something else.

"He's not doing anything for it and he said he doesn't want any surprises," a source tells *Us Weekly*.

"He really doesn't want

to talk about his birthday much."

Of course, work is keeping him pretty busy, as Pitt is currently filming his Second World War drama, *Fury*, in London while Angelina Jolie is in Australia working on *Unbroken*.

Pitt will reportedly join her there this weekend, though, so there will be some sort of celebration of his milestone birthday.

"Brad said he's going to celebrate his birthday this weekend in Australia," the source says. "That's going to be the only thing he does."

Miley Cyrus' tongue a nervous tick

The truth behind Miley Cyrus' penchant for sticking out her tongue in photos is that she's actually just really nervous, she insists in an interview with Barbara Walters.

"I get embarrassed to take pictures. That's actually the truth," she says.

"I'm so embarrassed,

because people are taking pictures of me, and I just don't know how to — I don't know how to smile, and just be awkward, so I stick my tongue out, because I don't know what else to do."

Cyrus first made her trademark tongue pose as part of her *Blurred Lines* song with Robin Thicke.



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For Metro

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Sony Alpha 7 — \$1,699.99 (body only)

The world's smallest and lightest interchangeable lens full-frame camera. This 24.3-megapixel camera is full of features, including lightning quick autofocus, a tiltable three-inch OLED display, and the ability to record uncompressed 1080p HD video.

Panasonic Lumix DMC-ZS30 — \$399.99

A lot of features at a relatively low price point. This compact camera has a 20X zoom, three-inch touchscreen along with GPS capabilities so you always know where you took your pictures. If you have an Android phone



you can control your camera remotely via Wi-Fi or automatically upload your pictures to social media.

Canon PowerShot SX280 HS — \$269.95

A point-and-shoot with modes for every photographer, Canon's Smart Auto mode recognizes 58 predefined shooting situations so pictures turn out in even the strangest lighting conditions. This compact camera also features a whopping 20X optical zoom, which is impressive despite its small size.



Fujifilm X20 — \$549

The camera that's ready when you are. The 12-megapixel Fujifilm X20 starts up in 0.5 seconds, auto focuses in 0.06 seconds and can snap photos in 0.01 seconds. This entry-level premium camera has a large op-

tical viewfinder, the ability to shoot in RAW mode and a hot shoe for those who prefer an external flash.

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Bigshot DIY Digital Camera — \$89

A camera for those who are curious about learning, the Bigshot camera comes in pieces, allowing the user to not only put it together, but learn about how cameras work in the process. At three megapixels, this camera may not take professional quality pictures, but the built-in lens wheel that toggles between regular, panoramic and 3D photos will ensure hours of fun for youngsters.

Bonzart Ampel — \$180, clockwise, from left, Panasonic Lumix DMC-ZS30 — \$399.99, Canon PowerShot SX280 HS — \$269.95, and Pentax WG-10 — \$199.



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Prada Luna Rossa Limited Edition offers an intensely



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Yves Saint Laurent Nuit de L'Homme Collector Edition is an opulent, seductive scent of citrus, warm spice and woods in a matte black flacon. \$96 at Hudson's Bay.

Prada Luna Rossa Limited Edition, clockwise, from bottom, Ralph Lauren Polo Red, Bottega Veneta Pour Homme, Givenchy Gentlemen Only, Gucci Made to Measure Pour Homme, L'Occitane En Provence Cèdre & Oranger, Banana Republic Wildblue Noir, Le Labo Vetiver 46, Clean White Woods, and Yves Saint Laurent Nuit de L'Homme Collector Edition.



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Christmas cheer sipper



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Last week was all about white wines for your holiday meal, so it's only right I suggest the right reds.

If you're convinced that only whites go with white meats, get over yourself. Reds can be an excellent match with poultry, especially when it's served old-school with plenty of savoury fixings and vegetal accompaniment.

He may not look it, but Tom turkey doesn't carry a lot of fat, which means you're going to want to avoid any red that is tannin heavy. Tannins love fat, so your bird will get lambasted if it meets a big-boned red like a New World Cabernet Sauvignon or a hip, Italian Aglianico (choose them if you're doing roast beef).

Take the bright and fruity path. Think California Zinfandel, New Zealand Pinot Noir, a French Beaujolais Cru or, my favourite, an Italian made with the Barbera grape.

From Piemonte, Bersano's 2011 Costalunga Barbera d'Asti (\$11.95 - \$14.99) is a glass full of strawberry, cherry, light earth and subtle spice that makes merry with turkey and all its eclectic Christmas plate mates.

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A dash of sweet steals the Christmas spotlight

Roasted Chicken With Asian Glaze and Fruit Sauce. Tired of the same old turkey year after year? Be brave and try something new



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This is a holiday entrée with a delicious fruit sauce instead of traditional gravy. You can use this over any poultry such as Cornish hen or even turkey. If you're using turkey, multiply the glaze and sauce by three.

1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Place chicken in roasting pan.

Ingredients

- 1 whole chicken
- Glaze**
- 1 tsp crushed garlic
- 1 tsp minced ginger root (or 1/4 tsp ground ginger)
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup sweet dessert wine (plum wine, Mirin or sweet Sake)
- Pinch chili flakes
- 1 tbsp margarine, melted
- Pinch dried coriander and/or cumin
- Salt and pepper
- 1/2 cup chicken stock
- Sauce**
- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 1/2 cup chicken stock
- 1/4 cup chopped dates
- 1/4 cup chopped dried apricots



This recipe serves four. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT COOKING (MCM BOOKS)

2. Glaze: In bowl, mix garlic, ginger, honey, wine, chili flakes, margarine, coriander, salt and pepper to taste and stock; set half aside for sauce. Brush some of the remaining mixture over chicken. Bake for 60 minutes or until meat thermometer registers 160 F,

basting with more honey mixture every 15 minutes.

3. Cut chicken into 4 quarters; place on serving dish and keep warm.

4. Sauce: Pour reserved honey mixture into small saucepan;

stir in cornstarch, mixing well. Add chicken stock along with dates and apricots; cook over medium heat, stirring, for 2 minutes or until thickened. Pour over chicken. Remove skin before eating. **ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT COOKING (MCM BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**

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How does a designer deck the halls?

Holiday decorating. In a season of traditions, there's still room to shake things up a bit

The holiday season is synonymous with tradition. But that doesn't mean you have to fill your home with the same holiday decorations in the same colour scheme every year.

"Until four years ago, I was Scrooge-y when it came to holiday decorating — a result of seeing the same old thing over and over again," says Brian Patrick Flynn, an interior designer from Los Angeles and executive producer of HGTV.com's Holiday House.

But after finding ways to

Don't hold back

"The holidays are a time for indulgence, and that always means colour to me. Commit to a colour scheme and go for broke!"

Jon Call of Mr. Call Designs

"reinvent the look and feel of Christmas for my own home," Flynn says he "rediscovered how much fun seasonal styling can be when you make it your own."

Move the tree, and change the palette

A Christmas tree doesn't have to stay parked in one place. Flynn recommends putting a small tree on wheels (maybe in a vintage metal wagon or an old metal washtub with casters on the bottom) so you can change its location when you're entertaining to create space or to bring extra holiday style to a different room.

Another option is ditching red and green tree decorations for an understated colour palette.

"This year I created a tone-on-tone tree using all shades of light grey," Flynn says. "To do this right, it's all about having a balance of texture, finish, shape, scale and proportion."

Try a white tree if you'll be using light colours and neutrals, or a green tree with decorations in earth tones.

To shake up your tree's

decorations, Jon Call of Mr. Call Designs suggests going with a theme.

"Last year for a client, I indulged in masses of vintage mercury-glass ornaments of all sizes and shapes. Silver was literally dripping off the tree. It was spectacular," he says. "This year we are changing it up a bit and creating a completely edible tree, including childhood favourites such as homemade popcorn balls, small sacks of chocolates tied with a ribbon and hung from the branches, and pungent gingerbread."

Or ditch the tree altogether

If you have minimal space, Call says you can skip the tree altogether without losing any holiday cheer. Instead, cluster together a bunch of white poinsettias. They set a holiday tone in a fresh way, he says, and in a large group look "almost like snowfall."

Or create your own "tree" out of branches: "In my kitchen, I love to fill a large galvanized pot with armfuls of branches full of red berries," Call says. "As the season progresses, I simply clip incoming

Mantelpiece mania

- "One of the most searched-for terms on HGTV.com is 'mantel decorating,'" Flynn says. For homes with a flat-panel TV mounted above the mantel, he has a high-tech idea: Burn images to DVD that co-ordinate with the accessories you lay out on your mantel, then let the DVD run during holiday entertaining.

- For one project, Flynn displayed colorful pop art images (including a reindeer by artist Jonathan Fenske) on the TV, and then put colorful items like candy in apothecary jars and brightly colored ornaments on the mantel "to make it all pop."

cards to the arrangement so that everyone can enjoy. It's become a tradition over the years, and everyone loves to come and check out my 'family tree.'"

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For a creative twist on a traditional Christmas tree, designer Brian Patrick Flynn uses a muted colour palette of white, cream, gray and tan for a look that's understated and elegant. BRIAN PATRICK FLYNN, HGTV.COM HOLIDAY HOUSE

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Patterson's story has happy ending

OHL. Knights backup goalie getting taste of No. 1 role with Stolarz away playing at world juniors



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It's not easy being an Ontario Hockey League goalie.

Take the London Knights' Jake Patterson as an example.

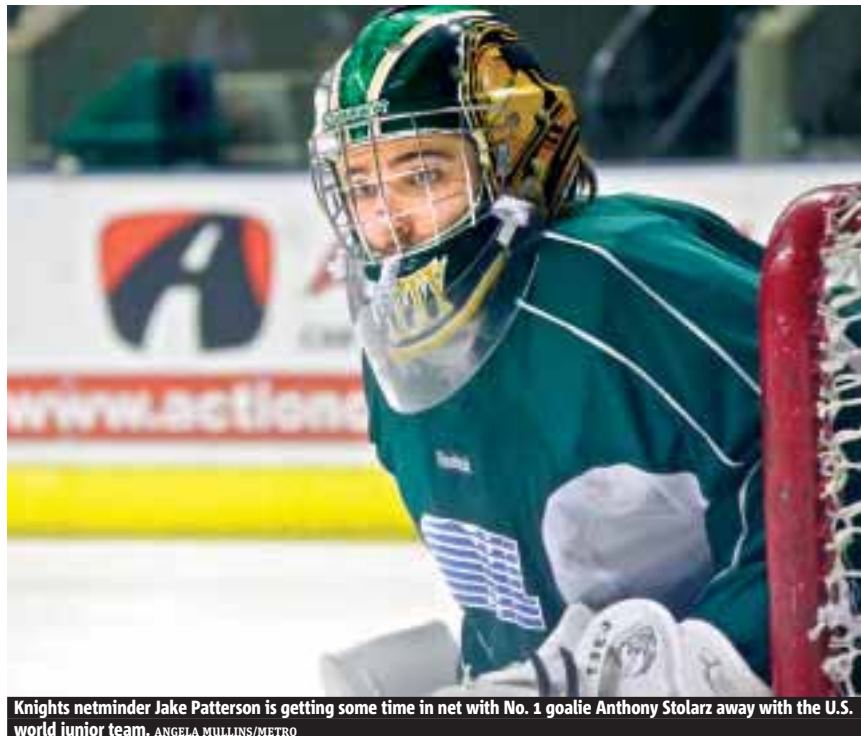
He experienced all the highs and lows a 19-year-old can possibly handle in a two-hour, 36-minute hockey game on Sunday afternoon before close to 9,000 screaming fans at Budweiser Gardens.

With Anthony Stolarz, the team's No. 1 goalie on his way to Sweden with the U.S. world junior team, Patterson is expected to start all seven Knights games while Stolarz is away.

On Sunday, Patterson stopped all 11 shots in the first period as the Knights took a 4-0 lead. He gave up three quickies in the second and was yanked before the period was half gone.

For the last half of the second, Patterson looked totally dejected on the sidelines looking in. But he more than redeemed himself, coming back in for the third to stop all 16 shots, and the Knights beat Kingston 6-4.

"Nobody wants to get pulled. When I got pulled I maybe felt a little bad, but at the same time when I got put



Knights netminder Jake Patterson is getting some time in net with No. 1 goalie Anthony Stolarz away with the U.S. world junior team. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

in it was a chance to redeem myself," he said. "I had to pick up my game."

Knights goalie coach Bill Dark said this is an important stretch of games for Patterson.

"He needs to stay mentally tough for three full periods," Dark said. "All the physical tools are there and he's proven he can win big games under pressure and make big saves. It's just mental consistency, I think.

On tap at the Bud

Patterson will be the starter Friday night when the Knights meet the Niagara IceDogs at home at 7:30 p.m. It will be their final game before a nine-day Christmas break.

"If he starts putting that consistency together, that will keep Anthony on his toes

and give us two good options every game."

Patterson dismisses any talk of a rivalry with Stolarz.

"I think that a lot of people think that goalies tend to maybe not like each other so much, because there's only two of you and you're both competing for that one spot," Patterson said. "But I think it's a healthy competition if you're good friends and you're pushing each other to do your best, that's best for the team."

NBL Canada

Lightning all business in win over Rainmen

It was just about time the London Lightning and Halifax Rainmen got back to playing basketball.

After a volatile off-the-court week for both teams, the Lightning and Rainmen took to the Budweiser Gardens floor and the result was a 108-90 London victory before 3,607 spectators.

The game marked the final pre-Christmas home game for the Lightning, but they play Sunday in Ottawa and Monday in Brampton before Santa pays a visit. The next home game is Dec. 29 against Mississauga.

Garrett Williamson led the Lightning with 18 points while Maurice Bolden and newcomer Darin Mency each scored 13.

For the Lightning, the distractions were popular forward Gabe Freeman, who chose to leave the team Tuesday, and guard Jaytornah Wissch, who was suspended Thursday for a violation of team rules. He will be sidelined a month.

Despite the challenges, London general manager Taylor Brown remained upbeat.

"The atmosphere at practices has been wonderful," Brown said. "We've got great guys on the team, we got great players, great guys in the community. We're just ready to move on, move forward and try and win the championship."

Brown said the team may be the best in the three years of its existence.

"But we have to step up our game," he said. "We have beaten ourselves this year when we have lost."

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OVERTIME with Micheal Ray Richardson

Get on the inside track with the London Lightning as Metro's Dave Langford chats with coach and former NBA star Micheal Ray, every week at metronews.ca

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Smith went from fading Star to top dog in Phoenix

Road to success.

Backstop bounced around with Dallas, Tampa Bay and the minors before landing in Phoenix

Mike Smith has come a long way from living in Marty Turco's shadow.

From 2006 until the 2008 NHL trade deadline, Smith was Turco's backup with the Dallas Stars. From there he went on to the Tampa Bay Lightning, who waived him and sent him to the minors before letting him walk as a free agent in the summer of 2011.

That feels like ancient history now with Smith be-



Coyotes goaltender Mike Smith
ROSS D. FRANKLIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ing the Phoenix Coyotes' franchise goaltender and the front-runner to be Team Canada's No. 3 option in net at

the Olympics in Sochi. Smith concedes he's "a lot" different goalie now than he was back then but won't reveal any more.

According to those who have watched his progression over the past six or seven years, it's not any one thing. Smith's evolution from afterthought to elite is a product of on-ice work, off-ice motivation and help from a variety of people in his life.

Smith is 14-8-5 with a 2.94 goals-against average and .911 save percentage this season, but it was his impressive playoff run with the Coyotes in 2012 that made him a candidate for Team Canada. He put up a 1.99 goals-against average and .944 save percentage in carrying Phoenix to the Western Conference final. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

NHL

Bozak still weeks away from return

Tyler Bozak isn't yet on the cusp of returning.

But when he's eligible to come off long-term injured reserve Dec. 29, the Toronto Maple Leafs centre figures his torn oblique will be healed up enough to get back into the lineup.

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World juniors

Laughton named team captain

Hockey Canada has named Scott Laughton as captain of the world junior hockey team.

Laughton, the captain of the Ontario Hockey League's Oshawa Generals, is representing Canada internationally for the third time. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

CFL

Stubler takes on defensive role

The Calgary Stampeders hired veteran Rich Stubler as their new defensive coordinator Thursday.

Stubler replaces Rick Campbell, who left to become the head coach of the expansion Ottawa Redblacks.

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NHL

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ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	34	23	9	2	94	70	48
Montreal	36	21	12	3	91	76	45
Tampa Bay	34	20	11	3	93	82	43
Detroit	36	15	12	9	91	99	39
Toronto	36	17	16	3	99	105	37
Ottawa	36	14	16	6	101	118	34
Florida	35	13	17	5	81	110	31
Buffalo	34	8	23	3	59	98	19

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	36	25	10	1	112	78	51
Washington	34	18	13	3	107	102	39
Carolina	34	14	13	7	79	94	35
Philadelphia	34	15	15	4	81	93	34
NY Rangers	35	16	17	2	79	95	34
New Jersey	35	14	15	6	83	87	34
Columbus	34	14	16	4	87	95	32
NY Islanders	35	9	19	7	85	121	25

Wednesday's results

New Jersey 5 Ottawa 2

Pittsburgh 4 NY Rangers 3 (SO)

Thursday's games

All Times Eastern

Phoenix at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Boston at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Florida at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's games

Anaheim at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
Florida at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Saturday's games

Calgary at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Phoenix at Ottawa, 2 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Montreal at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at NY Islanders, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	37	25	7	5	138	102	55
St. Louis	33	22	7	4	114	80	48
Colorado	33	22	10	1	96	78	45
Minnesota	36	20	11	5	84	83	45
Dallas	33	16	12	5	95	101	37
Nashville	34	16	15	3	78	95	35
Winnipeg	36	15	16	5	95	106	35

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	36	24	7	5	116	91	53
Los Angeles	35	23	8	4	97	68	50
San Jose	34	21	7	6	112	84	48
Vancouver	36	20	10	6	100	86	46
Phoenix	33	18	10	5	105	103	41
Calgary	34	13	16	5	86	108	31
Edmonton	36	11	22	3	93	123	25

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Buffalo at Boston, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Columbus, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
Dallas at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's games

Minnesota at NY Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Vancouver, 8 p.m.

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Tavares, NYI	13	25	38
Perry, Ana	22	15	37
Backstrom, Wash	8	29	37
Steen, STL	22	14	36
Thornton, SJ	5	31	36
Kunitz, Pgh	18	17	35
Sharp, Chi	16	18	34
Marleau, SJ	15	19	34
Seguin, Dal	18	15	33
Toews, Chi	13	20	33
Kessel, Tor	17	15	32
Ryan, Ott	16	16	32

Not including last night's games

NBA

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d-Miami	19	6	.760	1
Atlanta	14	12	.538	6 ^{1/2}
d-Boston	12	15	.444	9
Detroit	13	14	.481	8
Charlotte	12	14	.462	8 ^{1/2}
Washington	11	13	.458	8 ^{1/2}
Toronto	9	14	.391	10
Chicago	9	15	.375	10 ^{1/2}
Cleveland	9	15	.375	10 ^{1/2}
Brooklyn	9	16	.360	11
New York	8	17	.320	12
Orlando	8	18	.308	12 ^{1/2}
Philadelphia	7	19	.269	13 ^{1/2}
Milwaukee	5	20	.200	15

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	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	20	4	.833	—
Portland	22	5	.815	1 ^{1/2}
d-San Antonio	20	5	.800	3 ^{1/2}
d-L.A. Clippers	18	9	.667	3 ^{1/2}
Houston	17	9	.654	4
Dallas	15	10	.600	5 ^{1/2}
Phoenix	14	10	.583	6
Denver	14	10	.583	6
Golden State	14	12	.538	7
Minnesota	13	13	.500	8
L.A. Lakers	12	13	.480	8 ^{1/2}
New Orleans	11	13	.458	9
Memphis	10	15	.400	10 ^{1/2}
Sacramento	7	17	.292	13
Utah	7	21	.250	15

x - clinched playoff berth; y - division; z - conference.

Thursday's results

Chicago at Oklahoma City
San Antonio at Golden State

Friday's games

Brooklyn at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Utah at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's games

Boston at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

NBA. Rodman undaunted by political turmoil in N. Korea

Former NBA star Dennis Rodman arrived in North Korea on Thursday to meet leader Kim Jong-un and put the finishing touches on plans to bring 12 ex-NBA players to Pyongyang for a Jan. 8 exhibition game marking the leader's birthday. Rodman said the game is on track despite the recent execution of Kim's uncle in a dramatic political purge.

Rodman's visit comes less than a week after North Korea announced the execution of

'The Worm' not worried

"I can't control what they do with their government."

Dennis Rodman in an interview from his Pyongyang hotel.

Jang Song-thaek, an unprecedented fall from grace for one of the most powerful figures in the country.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

A clash of opposing viewpoints is likely at work today. Because you need to get along with both sides, you must stay neutral. The best approach is to treat it all as a bit of a joke.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

If you find yourself up against a tough opponent today, you should back off and live to fight another day. The planets warn this is a battle you cannot win. The only sensible course is to withdraw, for now.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You don't have to be nice to people because you want to spare their feelings. If there is something that needs to be said, give it to them straight.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You would be wise to be on your guard over the next 24 hours as the planets warn someone you work or do business with is being more than a little deceitful. Don't judge others by what they say, judge them by what they do.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

A moment's hesitation could cause you grief — at the very least you will kick yourself for not trusting your instincts. Don't listen to those who say you should be cautious. It may be good advice for them but it's not right for you.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Check facts today, especially those that a colleague says are OK and you don't have to worry about. If you give them the green light to proceed now, you may regret it later.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You may be tempted to do something drastic today but the planets warn the results are as likely to be negative as positive. Why not just wait a while and let the current situation work itself out?

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Be careful what you say. You could easily go over the top and let slip something that causes trouble. It might also cost you financially if others get the impression that you can't hold your tongue.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You appear to be having second thoughts about a plan that previously you thought was the key to success. Maybe you are right to hesitate but you are going to have to make a choice and stick with it.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

It would appear that in your haste to get ahead, you have overlooked some small but important detail. Identify your mistake, correct it, move on.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

A minor dispute could easily get out of hand today, especially if you insist that you are in the right and everyone else is wrong. You're not the only one who is stubborn, so a standoff is likely.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

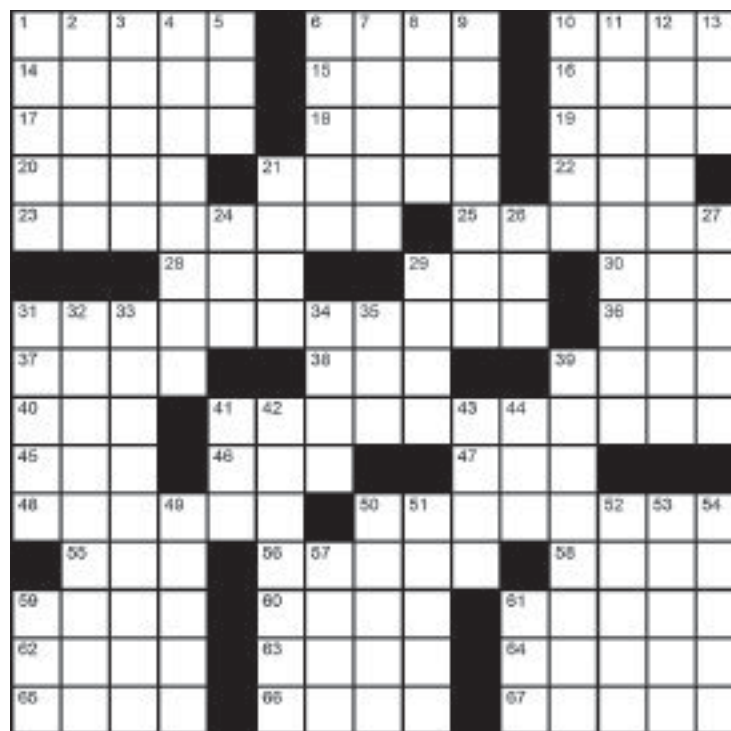
State your case today but don't get upset if others disagree and try to pick holes in your arguments. The world is a big enough place for all shades of opinion, so agree to disagree.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. December 21st, 1913: Invented by Arthur ___ of the New York World, the greatest game at #12-Down
6. Season
10. Inscribe
14. Grease again
15. Woodwind
16. Q. "Is '___' way to abbreviate any coming-in plane?" A. "Yes."
17. Nets
18. Volcanic flow
19. London lockup
20. Weapon: French
21. More kind
22. Mr. Asner's
23. Bag type
25. Legal scholar
28. Cousin ___
29. Masc. opposite
30. Defunct airline
31. Canadian journalist on FOX News who was a MuchMusic host: 2 wds.
36. Particle
37. Ancient war god
38. Granny: German
39. Rope
40. Anderson Cooper's station
41. Will Ferrell's 'Anchorman': 2 wds.
45. Ms. Carpenter, for short
46. Alias, e.g.
47. Nice one?
48. Hockey's Conn ___ Trophy
50. 1924... Simon & ___: Publishers of the first book of #12-Downs (Trivia! Richard L. Simon is the father of the singer/songwriter at #9-Down)
55. Christmas ___
56. Archaic anesthetic



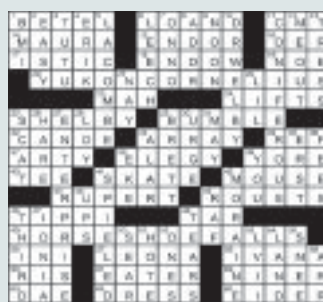
58. 'Slithy' Lewis Carroll creature
59. Cuckoos
60. Young farm animal
61. Fine cottons
62. Going ___ (Arguing): 2 wds.
63. Turkey, chicken, etc.

64. Fragrance
65. Unchanged: 2 wds.
66. Building extensions
67. "You're still the one ___ good night..." (Shania Twain line)
Down

1. ___ havoc
2. Long for
3. Montreal-born actress Ms. Shearer (b.1902 - d.1983)
4. What a bowling ball could knock over: 2 wds.
5. Chicago trains
6. ___ acid (Romaine

- lettuce stuff)
7. Surprised, taken ___
8. Zero, in tennis
9. Bit of Carly Simon's "You're So Vain": "Then you flew your ___ up to Nova Scotia..."
10. Gung-ho
11. Custom
12. Puzzle celebrating its 100th Anniversary!
13. Mr. Holbrook
21. International org.
24. Gibraltar, e.g.
26. Hmms...
27. Actress Jessica
29. Herr's wife
31. Mr. Black's
32. Christmas Tree decorations
33. English king: name + Roman Numeral
34. ___ fide
35. Diplomatic bldg.
39. Pool table prop: 2 wds.
41. Hurray!
42. American painter Georgia
43. Industrial region of Germany
44. Wildebeest
49. Quizzes
50. Wrap
51. Lockups
52. Moviedom's Marisa
53. Linda of "Dynasty"
54. Respite
57. Hammer
59. US driving org.
61. 23rd Greek letter

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

7	3	8	2	4	5	9	6	1
4	5	6	8	9	1	7	3	2
2	1	9	3	7	6	4	8	5
9	8	3	1	5	4	6	2	7
5	2	4	6	3	7	1	9	8
1	6	7	9	2	8	5	4	3
8	7	5	4	6	2	3	1	9
3	4	1	7	8	9	2	5	6
6	9	2	5	1	3	8	7	4

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				9				7
5						9		6
	2		5			8	3	
	9	4			8		1	
4		7						3
9				2				
	5	2	9		3			6

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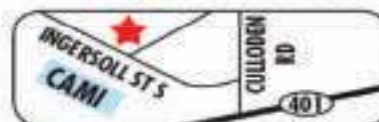
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